

Dippy

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DIPPY STANDBY LIST:

- 1) Randy Davis
- 2) John Schultz
- 3) Paul Milewski

DIPPY Game #42, the Jackie Robinson, 1994AJ, Winter, 1909:

Austria-Hungary (Peter Boyum): Builds A BUD, A TRI...Also has: A MUN, A WAR, A MOS, A GAL, A SER

England (Robert Acheson): removes f cly, a pic. Has: F DEN, F NTH, F ENGCH

France (John Schultz): removes f mar. Has: A BRE, A PAR

Germany (Paul Milewski): removes a kiel. Builds F BER. Also has: F HOLL, A BELG, F LON

Italy (Steve McLendon): Builds A VEN...Also has: F MAR, F SPASC, A GAS, F PORT, F MID, F WMED

Russia (Andy York): retreats a mos-STP...Also has: F NWY, F KIEL, A UKR, A VIE

Turkey (Stan Johnson): No change. Has: A BULG, F AEG, F GRE, A SEV, A ARM, F BLACK

DEADLINE for Spring, 1910, orders is mail delivery of May 8, 1996
Press:

ENG-FRA: My apologies--must of went brain dead for a turn.

FRANCE/ITALY: Ever try to climb a mountain from the top down?

HINSDALE-STEVE: Thank you.

FROM STAN JOHNSON: Actually I lived in N.J. befor I saw the light and moved to AZ. I could make comments about Wimpy, Whitebread, Milquetoat Midwesterners; but Prefer to directly address the lies and misrepresentations in your comments.

I insulted only one individual who had insulted me. Am I supposed to feel bad because he took the insulting to heart, while I did not? I have questioned your Policies only twice; the recent Question and I wrote Saying "You do Such a great job running these games, who do You let these NMRers ruin them." I thought that was a kind word to you. I questioned why someone who NMRed in one issue was able to start a new game in the very next issue. I was only talking about looking From one issue to the next and you Sarcasticly replied asking if I wanted OR expected you to do F.B.I. background checks on the players.

Now I am the nasty New Yorker; well I might as well live up to it. You're a _____. Just use your imagination; that's what you're most recent comments were based on.

I'm not trying to give You a hard time. I honestly feel you are the one who's been busting my balls! As an exsample last ish; I had honest Question, as I had never seen your method used in a lengthy career; and you tell me about writing standbys. Using your method A player could take over + I'd have to write both 3 turns to be on Safe Side; Give me a break!

HINSDALE TO STAN--I believe you miscount. Since you couldn't anticipate the first NMR, you'd have to write to both players twice, not three times.

[over...

DIPPY Game #44, the Henry Aaron, 1995AX, Fall, 1905:

England (Stan Johnson): A EDI-york; F NWG-clv; f lon sup a edi-york/DISLODGED, destroyed

CONTROLS: edi,nwy--2--No change.

France (Roscoe McPharren): F TYRR sup Turkish f ion-nap; f lyon-WMED; A BELG-holl; f wales-LON; F ENGCH sup f wales-lon; F NATL-clv; F IRI sup f natl-clv/IMPOSSIBLE!; A YORK-edi

CONTROLS: bre,par,belg,spa,port,lvp,lon--7--Minus one unit

Germany (David Burgess): F BALT sup a war-lvn; A KIEL-mun; a war-LVN; A PRU sup a war-lvn

CONTROLS: ber,kiel,mun,holl--4--No change

Italy (Andy York): a ven retreats to PIED... a pled-MAR; f nap-ROME; A TYRO-mun

CONTROLS: nap,rome,mar--3--No change

Russia (Steve McLendon): a war retreats to MOS... a mos-WAR; a lvn sup a mos-war/DISLODGED, must retreat to stp, mos or oth; A UKR sup a mos-war; a boh-GAL; A VIE sup a boh-gal; a fin-SWE; F DEN sup a fin-swe; F NTH-holl

CONTROLS: mos,stp,sev,bud,rum,swe,den,vie,war--9--Add one unit

Turkey (Bob Sargeant): f emed-ION; a alb-APU; f ion-TUN; F ADR con a alb-apu; A VEN sup a alb-apu; A TRI sup a ven; F AEG sup f emed-ion

CONTROLS: ank,con,smy,gre,ser,bulg,tri,ven,tun--9--Add two units

DEADLINE for Winter, 1905 adjustments is mail delivery of May 8, 1996

Press:

GERMANY-RUSSIA: As germany fades into diplomacy elimination...it can always say "I have seen WARSAW in the spring and the flowers don't bloom there."

DIPPY Game #45, the Revenge of the Office Boys, 1990X, Fall, 1915:

There is at least one No vote to each of the draw proposals. We continue:

England (John Schultz): A STP H; a fin-SWE; F BAR sup a stp; F BALT sup German a ber; A KIEL sup German a mun; A RUHR sup German a mun; A BURG sup a mar; F HOLL sup a kiel; F NTH H; F SPA SC sup f wmed-lyon; A MAR H; f wmed-LYON; F MID-wmed; F NAFR sup f mid-wmed

CONTROLS: edi,lvp,lon,belg,brast,den,holl,mar,nwy,par,port,spa,swe,kiel,stp--15--Add one unit

Germany (Robert Acheson): A MUN sup a ber; A BER sup a mun

CONTROLS: mun,ber--2--No change.

Turkey (Randy Davis): a stp retreats to LVN... F TYRR-wmed; f lyon sup f tyrr-wmed/DISLODGED, destroyed; F TUN sup f tyrr-wmed; F ION sup f tun; f rome-TUS; F NAP-tyrr; F AEG H; F EMED H; A PIED H; A VEN H; A TYRO sup English a ruhr-mun; A BOH sup English a ruhr-mun; A PRU sup English a kiel-ber; a war-SIL; A LVN H; A MOS sup a lvn; A UKR H

CONTROLS: ank,con,smy,bud,bulg,gre,mos,nap,rum,ser,sev,tri,ven,vie,rome,war,tun--17--Add one unit

DEADLINE for Winter, 1915 adjustments is mail delivery of May 8, 1996

Press:

RANDY-JOHN: If you really prefer the 3-way, I'll let it pass next time.

JOHN-RANDY: Okey! But it has to be the three-way. Bob saved my butt. You don't really think I'd abandon him now, do you? I hate to see this end, Randy. I get the feeling it might be the last game we ever play together. And it's been a damn good one in spite of the difficulties.

JOHN-BOB: Good job, guy!

HINSDALE: Once again we have two proposed draws: an Anglo-German-Turkish draw and an Anglo-Turkish draw. Please vote by the Winter deadline.

DIPPY Game #46, the Finale

- 1) Peter Boyum
- 2) Kevin W Bayless
- 3) Roscoe McPharren
- 4-7) ???

50c by post

Final

[From a STAR reader:

HOW TO BE ANNOYING:

- Adjust the tint on your TV so that all the people are green, and insist to others that you "like it that way."
- Drum on every available surface.
- Remove every line of someone's .newsrsrc file except the entry for alt.sex.fetish.hamster.duct-tape.
- Sing the Batman theme incessantly.
- Staple papers in the middle of the page.
- Ask 800 operators for dates.
- Produce a rental video consisting entirely of dire FBI copy warnings.
- Sew anti-theft detector strips into people's backpacks.
- Hide dairy products in inaccessible places.
- Write the surprise ending to a novel on its first page.
- Specify that your drive-through order is "to go."
- Set alarms for random times.
- Learn Morse code, and have conversations with friends in public consisting entirely of "Beeeeeep Bip Bip Beeeeeep Bip..."
- Buy large quantities of mint dental floss just to lick the flavor off.
- Order a side of pork rinds with your filet mignon.
- Instead of Gallo, serve Night Train next Thanksgiving.
- Leave your Nine Inch Nails tape in Great Uncle Ed's stereo, with the volume properly adjusted.
- Publicly investigate just how slowly you can make a "croaking" noise.
- Honk and wave to strangers.
- Dress only in clothes colored Hunter's Orange.
- Change channels five minutes before the end of every show.
- Tape pieces of "Sweating to the Oldies" over climactic parts of rental movies.
- Wear your pants backwards.
- Decline to be seated at a restaurant, and simply eat their complimentary mints by the cash register.
- Begin all your sentences with "ooh la la!"
- Rouse your roommates from slumber each morning with Lou Reed's "Metal Machine Music."

The Clarion-call of Eccentrics Everywhere...

QUOTABLE: "A cynic is not merely one who reads bitter lessons from the past; he is one who is prematurely disappointed in the future."--Sydney J Harris, American journalist.

And "Trying to find a (car) insurance company that will cover you in Bosnia is like Salman Rushdie trying to buy life insurance in Tehran. My own rule of the road is to rent the least attractive car possible from an agency outside the former Yugoslavia and drive it in, even though the rental agreement has 'No Entry to Former Yugoslavia' stamped all over it."--Tom Hundley of the Chicago TRIBUNE, writing from Sarajevo...

And from Michael Brown, the son of the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, speaking at his funeral after hearing his Dad described as "smooth like a swan" and "graceful, especially under pressure:" "These people never played golf with him."

KALDENAR: Joanne Petros celebrates her birthday on the 20th; Both Patty Benes and Steve McDonald celebrate theirs on the 24th; the 27th marks the 96th anniversary of the death of Mrs Susan Winans, the last survivor of the Fort Dearborn massacre. She was 88; Samantha Slonim celebrates her 12th birthday on the 28th. AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET the STAR dinner being planned for Saturday, May 18th at the Ubaa restaurant and bar in Evanston. Make your reservations now!

CUBSOX KVIZ: Which team was the first to draw a million fans and finish last? (Answer in Sprotz)

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE STAR:

--Andi Wiley was present as the Chicago White Sox played their first game ever in the new Comiskey Park. She noted: "The new palace was so clean; the glass sparkled, virgin concrete free of footprints, food counters with not a speck...The cleanliness wouldn't last, especially after Rich King knocked over his diet drink christening the park..." By the way the Tigers won the game, 16-0...

HERB COHN

THE REALLY BIG NEWS AROUND HERE is that the CBS writers and the Westinghouse owners have reached tentative agreement on a new contract. That eases a lot of nerves that frayed over the 17 days it took for both sides to finally come to an agreement after the last contract had expired. No word yet on the details...

As the writers continue their careers in radio and TV, Rob Spatz is embarking upon his in radio news. Rob has accepted a job at WSOY radio in Decatur. He will be the afternoon news anchor. Congratulations, Rob! And good luck...

OUR SOURCES WRITE FOR US THAT: "While Jim Gillespie was a willing host and had an open door policy with friends and acquaintances there were few takers because of his manner of housekeeping. Well, there was an 'Open House' recently at 52 Kimbark by the new owners, who have renovated the house and put it up for sale.

"A STAR undercover reporter says that the house is unrecognizable. The enclosed front porch has been opened and a beautiful wood door with a brass knocker has been installed. The woodwork has been redone and beautiful hardwood floors gleam throughout the first floor. A powder room has been added under the stairs. There are all new fixtures and appliances. In other words, Jim's house is finally clean."

TRAVEL NOTES: It's official! Tom Eng is planning to fly into Chicago for a long weekend to attend the STAR dinner on May 18th. He'll be in Washington DC for a few days before stopping here. By the way, Marilyn Idelman-Soglin points out that Nancy Slonim deserves half the credit for the planning of this affair, and to both lovely ladies, a tip of the Cohn hat. Marilyn also corrects us that the Ubaa is not a cafe (do you remember that Gillespie always pronounced that word to rhyme with "safe?"), but really a bar and restaurant...

MEANWHILE, Mary Novak has been on the road, visiting Graceland in Memphis!

[From the STAR's back files:

**STONE AND PLASTER GARGOYLES ARE
ALL THE RAGE FOR GARDEN AND HOME**

ILLINOIS STYLE

By JIM LENAHA

Rockford Register Star

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — Call it the '90s answer to the pink flamingo.

Gargoyles, those menacing stone carvings from the Middle Ages, are making a comeback as the hip home decoration of late.

"We sell them almost as fast as we can get them in," said Doc Slafkoski of the J.R. Kortman Center for Design in Rockford. "As time has gone on they've just become more and more popular."

So popular that even retailers whose previous statuary sales have been limited to the traditional concrete geese, have jumped into the gargoyle craze.

Ron Schultz of Village Green Home & Garden in Rockford said he read about the new trend in trade magazines and ordered a selection of outdoor gargoyles for the spring season.

"I think it's kind of like a Renaissance thing. I don't know if that's the right term."

Well, actually, gargoyles are a medieval thing. That was the period just before the Renaissance. Back in pre-1450 Europe, gargoyles were a popular architectural adornment, thought to ward off evil spirits with their threatening stares.

Their original function as water spouts led to the name "gargoyle," derived from the gurgling sound of water running from their mouths.

Later, they were simply used as stone decorations built into and atop the walls of cathedrals and castles.

The modern gargoyle is mostly used for interior decoration or a hipper version of a lawn ornament.

"We have a lot of people who have started designing their gardens around gargoyle pieces," said Stacy Bueschel McDonald, spokeswoman for Design Toscano, an Arlington Heights mail order house that grossed \$9.5 million last year largely due to gargoyle sales.

Prices range from about \$10 to \$100, depending on the size and weight of the gargoyle. Other uses for the former guardians have developed in recent years. Gargoyles have been used to create imposing tables, shelves and even ornate birdhouses.

Not all gargoyles are frightful figures. Among the most popular gargoyles is Dedo, a cute, crouching creature who, legend has it, was placed atop the famous Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris by a nun who found the other gargoyles unappealing.

But gargoyles, even those of the traditional, winged and fanged variety, have become loveable. There is now a cartoon called "Gargoyles." Also, Disney's animated "Hunchback of Notre Dame" movie, to be released this summer, reportedly features singing and dancing gargoyles.

But exactly what is the appeal of these stone beasts?

"To some people, they're so ugly, they're cute," said Bueschel McDonald.

Slafkoski said simply, "They look neat."

**BULGARIAN MUSICIANS PLAN WORLD'S
HIGHEST CONCERT**

SOFIA, Feb 7 (Reuter) — A group of Bulgarian musicians and actors plans to get into the Guinness Book of Records by staging the world's highest concert on Mount Everest, newspapers said.

The band will travel from the Nepalese capital of Kathmandu to the Everest base camp in April or May where they will put on their concert at 5,500 metres (18,300 feet) above sea-level, the papers said.

"The expedition will be for the glory of Bulgaria," the daily "24 Hours" quoted one would-be participant, the singer Doni, as saying.

The main problem facing the Bulgarians is money as the whole trip is expected to cost some \$62,000. The state news agency BTA said Bulgaria's national carrier Balkan Airlines might help sponsor the expedition.

The driving force behind the plan is Alexander Iliev, a teacher of mime at Sofia's theatre academy, who is currently riding up Kenya's Mount Kilimanjaro on a bicycle.

**OLD CLIP OF POPE TO BE USED IN
AD FOR ROSARY CD**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A film clip showing Pope John Paul II hiking in a forest 12 years ago will be used in TV ads promoting the Vatican's latest commercial venture: an Italian recording of the pontiff reciting the Rosary.

The advertising campaign, run by Vatican Radio, apparently marks the first time the Vatican has used a filmed image of the pontiff to sell a product on television.

Most of the advertising for the recording — available on a double CD or two cassettes — will run in Catholic periodicals or on Vatican Radio.

But during Holy Week, the first week of April, selected TV stations in Italy also ran ads done "in a correct style" and with "taste," Vatican Radio said.

The 76-year-old pope has been slowed recently by health problems; last week, he canceled some appearances after falling ill with what the Vatican described as digestive problems and a fever.

The 45-second TV spot, however, shows a much younger, more robust pope, hiking with a walking stick during his trip to Canada in 1984 as he prayed the Rosary.

Last year, John Paul made his English-language and Spanish-language commercial audio debut reciting the Rosary on CD and cassette.

DID YOU KNOW? that on March 6, 1913, a San Francisco newspaper used the word "jazz" for the first time in print. The first style of music known as jazz was the New Orleans style, later called Dixieland, in which a small group would improvise collectively on a tune.

BASKETBALL: THE TBA TODAY

Standing of the Clubs

UPPERCRUST	MIDLING	NETHER
MC 18-7	Chy 19-6	BG 12-13
Tsn 14-9	Tsk 12-13	BJS 11-14
Mhk 14-11	Cvl 12-13	Bfo 11-14
JH 6-19	Whs 9-14	Nev 10-15

THE TBA TODAY-April 7, 1996

Games Played:

CA 28 58 80 105

NE 33 49 78 110-HI: Bukrajewski, NE, 30; REB: Primeval, NE, 17;

BW 21 51 84 109

WH 24 48 82 106-HI: Fasthorse, BW, 40; REB: Stroker & Michonski, BW, 16;

JH 39 73 95 121

CH 28 59 92 129-HI: Mancuso, JH, 44; REB: Village, JH & Thunderstud, CH, 13;

BW 19 37 74 93

CH 30 52 89 125-HI: Thunderstud, CH, 33; REB: Michonski, BW, 14;

BW 37 69 103 133

MO 25 58 86 114-HI: Michonski, BW, 32; REB: Michonski, BW, 14;

Transactions: TUSKEGEE's Jerome Jerricks announces his retirement; WHITEHORSE's

Skipper Kelp and Dale Detro retire; TUCSON's Sludge Vohaul announces his retirement.

Games Remaining (all are overdue): Whitehorse at Tucson; Tucson at Whitehorse;

Top Ten Scorers: Huey, MC, 29.3; Brown, Mhk, 29.2; Fasthorse, Bfo, 28.4; Guindstem, Whs, 28.1; Fasthorse xtot 27.3; Cutts, BJS, 25.9 Uglee, BG, 25.4; Fasthorse, JH, 25.1; Thunderstud, Chy, 24.8; Wacker, BG, 24.6; Falkenwrath, Tsn, 24.4; Lippens, Tsk, 24.0

Notes: TUSKEGEE owner Bob Spatz felt he needed to be where the action was with his chance for salvaging the season potentially riding on the ability of the rudderless NEVADA squad beating CANARYVILLE in the campaign finale for those clubs. So Spatz attended the game between the mail-in-the-year Desert Riders and the streaking Parrots. And word is he had a lot to do with the mildly surprising upset by Nevada. It took a fourth-quarter comeback and season-high performances by "home" team rookies Bukrajewski (30 points) and Primeval (17 boards) to win for the Celtics... The incredible run that the BUFFALO WINGS are on continued with a tough win at WHITEHORSE. The Wings, a young team of which probably too much was expected this season, remained in contention with two games left, thanks to the nosing out of the 98ers. But, those two games are at Cheyenne and Mohawk. For Whitehorse, the loss eliminated the arctic-dwellers from the race, but capped a courageous showing by a team that should have been crippled by the early-season loss to campaign-ending injury of guard Jaime Bravo. Perhaps the Prospectors were too gentlemanly. They were whistled for only six fouls against the Wings, who canned four of six from the line. Buffalo, itself was called for only 15 personals in one of the season's cleanest games, one in which the Wings' superior team defense sparked the victory... Consensus preseason favorite CHEYENNE wrapped up the top seed with victories at home against JACKSON HOLE and Buffalo, and at the same time cleared up the playoff picture somewhat. The Sabres will draw a first-round bye and in the semifinals face the winner of the series between the fourth seed (either MOHAWK or TUCSON) and the fifth (BUFFALO GROVE). MATER CHRISTI will begin defense of its tournament championship of a year ago holding the second seed. The Knights will face Canaryville, which as the seventh seed last year upset second-seed Mohawk in the quarterfinals. Tuskegee is seeded sixth and will open with the third seed (Tucson or Mohawk). Cheyenne struggled against Jackson Hole, not completing the come-from-behind

triumph until the contest's final four minutes. Injuries to Gadot and Fezziweg hurt the Dudes more than the injuries to Vernal Falls and Whitman hurt the Longknives. Lecter paced the winners with a season-high 37 points. For Jackson Hole, which opened 1-11 but finished 5-8 after the Fasthorse trade to Buffalo, it was an encouraging finish to a season doomed by a catastrophic beginning... Buffalo hit the wall Out West, the blowout loss finally ending the Wings' run in elimination. Fasthorse was held to 18, putting him in position to require a big game at Mohawk and against scoring-title rival Brown of the Magicians to overtake Huey of the Knights for that individual honor and present league historians with the dilemma of awarding the title to Fasthorse even though the guard will only have played in 14 games for Buffalo... No problem. Beating the press deadline came word of the good news for Buffalo—a blowout win at Mohawk—and the bad news, Fasthorse again held to 18, knocking him out of the scoring-average race. The Mags' Brown had to be even more frustrated. He scored 31 in the losing cause. It wasn't enough. Huey finished with 733 points on the season, Brown 731. The Wings' victory clinched the third seed for Tucson, the Eagle Dancers having beaten Mohawk two of three this season, regardless of the outcome of Tucson's season-closing pair of games against WHITEHORSE. So, the playoff quarterfinals are set: Cheyenne (1) bye; Canaryville (7) at Mater Christi (2); Tuskegee (6) at Tucson (3); Buffalo Grove (5) at Mohawk (4). For the Wings, it'll be a summer of musing about what might have been had they started their finishing kick a game earlier. They even made two four-point plays in the game at Mohawk. For the Magicians, the loss had to leave them and their fans wondering whether the club will sustain a consistent effort in the playoffs...

BASEBALL

ANSWER TO CUBSOX KVIZ: The 1948 Cubs drew 1,237,792 and finished last. The 1948 White Sox also finished last and, with night games and a bigger ball park, drew only 777,844.

THE UBA TODAY

Standing of the Clubs	Hickory	5-4
Charleston	8-4	Troy 8-7
Tucumcari	8-4	Buffalo 4-5
Toledo	2-1	Bodega Bay 6-12
Denver	9-6	Royston 2-7
Tuskegee	10-8	New Orleans 1-5

THIS WEEK IN THE UBA: Enthusiasm for the league continued to soar in the form of series completed and reported. Tuskegee's Bob Feller started and lost two games against Denver. Vern Kennedy salvaged the finale with a 12-0 shutout... The TacoBenders also dropped two out of three against Vince Bianco's Bodega Bay Clams, which then dropped two of three both to Buffalo and to Tucumcari's Jugheads, which also won two out of three from New Orleans and Tuskegee, one of them by an 18-7 decision. Buffalo's Joe DiMaggio broke out of a slump with 4 hits and 4 RBIs in game 3, as Buffalo won a series from Troy.

